



ArtsJunktion mb
2011-12 Annual Report
May 10, 2012

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**ArtsJunktion mb
Annual General Meeting
AGENDA**

Thursday, May 10, 2012 at Exchange Community Building (75 Albert Street)

- I Adoption of the agenda
- II Adoption of minutes from June 16, 2011
- II Co-chairs' remarks
- III Reports from committees, as written:
 - Co-chairs' report
 - Vice-Chair's report
 - Finance Committee report
 - Treasurer's report
 - Event Committee report
 - Materials Committee report
 - Membership report
 - Publicity report
 - Art Gallery Curator report
 - Physical Plant report

 - Depot Manager's report
- IV Election of officers
 - a) officers proposed by vice-chair
 - b) nominations from the floor
- V Other business

Adjournment

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MINUTES

June 16, 2011 at ArtsJunktion mb

Present: Faye Vickar Lazer, Kaz Sawicz, Michelle Bradley Hakimelahi, Suzanne Simpson, Lois Goertzen, Gerhard Wiebe, Mary Mathias, Doug Wiebe, Karen Robinson, Corrine Chia, Andrea Stuart, Tracy Nanka, Heather Stuart, Geri Altman, Melanie Janzen, Donna Massey Cudmore, Dianne Harms, Bela Luis, Danielle Sheedy

I Adoption of the agenda

Request for Amended budget be accepted for audit

Motion to accept: Dianne Harms, Seconded: Michelle Bradley Hakimelahi; passed.

II Adoption of 2010 minutes

Motion to accept: Faye Vickar Lazar; Seconded: Dianne Harms; passed.

II Co-chairs' remarks:

Co-chairs would like to note that ArtsJunktion is governed by an elected board of volunteers. All shifts at ArtsJunktion are run by volunteers – usually 4 volunteers per shift. The Co-chairs would like to thank all of the volunteers of Arts Junktion for their hard work and continued support. This organization could not operate without the tireless efforts of its volunteers. Thank you to all.

Financial Sustainability is achieved through:

- Grants: All grants are written by volunteers. Presently we have three grants supporting a portion of our operations. These grants are not a guarantee and every year we must apply or re-apply for support.
- Fundraisers: Two major fundraisers are held annually; the King's Head Pub social (fall), and the AGM and annual Art Auction (spring). The Auction is an opportunity to value the Artists' work, so please pledge generously.
- Donations: Members are encouraged to promote ArtsJunktion as a charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made in lieu of a retirement gift, as an annual personal donation, etc.

III Reports from committees, as written:

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- ME Grant Coordinator's Report
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Motion to accept reports as written: Corinne Chia; Seconded by Suzanne Simpson; passed.

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IV Election of officers

c) officers proposed by committee

d) nominations from the floor

There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion to accept nominees: Karen Robinson; Seconded by Dianne Harms; passed.

V Other business

a) Motion to appoint Gary Gumprich of the Exchange Group to audit ArtsJunktion mb's 2011 books:
Dianne Harms; Seconded by Geri Altman; passed.

Val Huffman, co-owner of Cre8ive Arts Supplies and Services addressed the members, providing statistics on the Cre8ive's support of ArtsJunktion, in terms of reduced rental rates for our 2,000 square foot space, and utility fees.

ArtsJunktion thanks Cre8ive for its continued support and requests that members support Cre8ive by purchasing art supplies from their store.

Adjournment at 6:45 p.m.

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Co-Chairs' Report May 2012

Media/Publicity

-ArtsJunktion was featured in the Rainbow Stage program by Assiniboine Credit Union

Administration

- renewed General Liability and Directors' and Officers' insurance (Oct. 2011)
- hired a student for the Urban Green Team Grant (June 2011)
- in response to a report from Workplace Health and Safety, D. Harms chaired ad hoc committee to develop a "Work Alone Policy" and conduct "Violence Assessment"; policy approved by board
- updated and reprinted ArtsJunktion brochures
- ongoing review of grant apps prepared by Finance committee
- met with Finance Committee and Winnipeg Foundation to discuss funding options
- consulted with an a/v specialist and upgraded depot a/v
- moved website hosting and upgrading work to Fresh Traffic
- wrote letters of support for Winnipeg Arts Council to our City Councillor, Mike Pagtakhan, and Mayor Sam Katz, advocating for an increase to the Winnipeg Arts Council
- wrote to Mike Pagtakhan to inform him of the work of ArtsJunktion and inviting him to visit the depot and support the auction
- ordered new software (Norton Anti-Virus and Accounting software)
- met with Cre8ive Arts Supply & Services to review terms of additional 3 year lease

Workshops and Presentations

- A. Stuart hosted a daybook workshop (July)
- M. Janzen hosted Seven Oaks School Division, Education for Sustainable Development (Oct. /11)
- M. Janzen presented at National Canadian Association for Young Children conference in Montreal: "ArtsJunktion: What kind of a world do we want to live in?" (Nov. /11)
- D. Harms hosted a day timer work bee (Oct. 1/11). ArtsJunktion is selling the day timers for \$12 or 2 for \$20
- A. Stuart and M. Janzen presented to Wpg School Division Board of Trustees (Sept. 26/11)
- Andrea hosted a workshop to teachers of Lord Selkirk School Division to introduce them to ArtsJunktion mb.

Events hosted at ArtsJunktion

- U of W Education Students Art class (Andrea, June /11)
- July 7 6-9 PM – Bike Art workshop held at the depot by W.R.E.N.C.H (www.thewrench.ca)
- Seven Oaks School Division Workshop (Oct. /11)
- Manitoba Teachers' Association, Special Area Groups Workshop (Oct. /11)
- DIY Fest (Sept. 24 & 25/11)
- Seine River School Division (Nov. /11, Jan. /12, Apr/ 6)
- Pembina Trails School Division (Nov. /11)
- Wolseley School Clay Workshop (Feb. /12)
- Winnipeg Art Gallery Youth Programs (Mar./12)
- Winnipeg School Division Art Workshops (Mar./12)
- Earth Day Celebration (Apr. /12)
- MAAE workshop (Oct. /11); AGM and New Teacher reception (April 30/12)

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- monthly CAYC meetings (Sept./11 - June/12)
- continued to host Manitoba Education workshop series (see Workshop Coordinator's report for details)

Purchases

- purchased binding machine for depot use
- purchased projector for workshops

Green Space Development

- donation received for green space development
 - Jennifer LaBella (landscape architect), created green space design
 - working in consultation with Ken Land of St Mary's Nursery to negotiate and finalize tree purchases and installation
 - plans for green space development were unveiled to the public on Earth Day
 - trees to be planted at end of May
 - work bees being organized for building of the garden
- Submitted by Andrea Bell Stuart and Melanie Janzen

Vice-Chair's Report

I'd like to thank all of those that have served on the Board of Directors for ArtsJunktion mb during the 2011-12 year and would like to propose the following slate of officers for the 2012-13 year:

Proposed slate of Directors for 2012 – 2013

Geri Altman
Corrine Chia
Dianne Harms
Michelle Bradley Hakimelahi
Heather Graham
Melanie Janzen
Alerry Lavitt
Bela Luis
Mary Mathias
Allison Moore
Judy Parker
Joey Robertson
Kaz Sawicz
Edna Stimpson
Andrea Stuart
Heather Stuart
Doug Wiebe
Gerhard Wiebe

The Board of Directors (both the 2011-12 board members and the 2012-13 board members) will have a transition meeting on June 25th, at which time monthly meeting dates, organization priorities and board roles will be established.

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Finance Committee Report

The finance committee has written many grant applications this year and is pleased to report that we have received funding from:

- Assiniboine Credit Union (\$1000) to support the ArtsJunktion AGM and art auction
- Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism: Arts Education Access Program (\$2200) to support the development of arts education programs
- Manitoba Education (\$10 000) to support art workshops for Manitoba educators

In addition, we applied for and received acceptance from artsVest, a sponsorship training and matching incentive program created by Business for the Arts (BftA) and delivered in Winnipeg by the Winnipeg Arts Council (WAC) with funding from the Winnipeg Foundation and the Department of Canadian Heritage. We have been approved for \$3000 and so money received by ArtsJunktion as sponsorship from businesses will be matched through artsVest. If you know of a business that would be willing to become a sponsor, please let us know.

We have various applications that are pending approval, including:

- Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention Fund, Manitoba Conservation
- The Winnipeg Foundation EnviroGrant
- The Winnipeg Foundation Community Grant

In addition, in recognition of the tremendous dedication of our volunteers, we have nominated ArtsJunktion mb for the Prime Minister's Volunteer Award.

ArtsJunktion mb also received private and business donations, and participated in fundraising to cover operating costs. Finally, we would like to remind you that ArtsJunktion mb remains a free service to businesses who use ArtsJunktion to redirect their waste and to community members who access these materials. We rely on funding, fundraising and donations. We encourage and are grateful for your monetary donations, for which you will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Finance Committee by Joey Robertson and Allison Moore

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**Treasurer's Report
ArtsJunktion mb. Inc.**

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Year Ended June 30, 2011**

(unaudited - Notice to Reader)

	2011
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REVENUES	
Grants	21,000
Sponsors	8,950
Junktion Funktionen	2,031
Fundraising	12,012
Donations	5,338
Interest	6
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	49,337
EXPENDITURES	
Advertising and Promotion	1,483
Artists	1,500
Fundraising	856
Furnishings	303
Insurance	1,687
Office	4,407
Junktion Funktionen	1,273
Internet	
Renovations	6,830
Rental	12,580
Salaries and Wages	13,981
Supplies	2,067
Telephone	677
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	47,644
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	1,693
GENERAL FUND- BEGINNING OF YEAR	<hr/> 11,828
GENERAL FUND-END OF YEAR	<hr/> 13,521

prepared by The Exchange, chartered accountants LLP

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Treasurer's Report – continued -

ArtsJunktion mb. Inc. is faced with the ever increasing challenge of being financially sustainable without charging membership or user fees. Our budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year is \$51,300. These funds are allocated to cover: Administrative costs, Programming costs and Depot Operations. Our programming costs are covered by a generous grant from Manitoba Education.

Sourcing, sorting and redistributing materials, to artists and for businesses costs ArtsJunktion \$35,000 per year, 68% of our annual budget. We rely on the financial contributions of companies whose waste we are managing, the users of materials and their affiliated organizations or corporate sponsors to cover these costs. ArtsJunktion also hosts two fundraisers each year, the November Event at the King's Head and the Art Auction to raise funds for operating the depot. **Our depot operating costs are not funded by grants.**

We are grateful to the businesses who do generously sponsor ArtsJunktion mb. Inc.; Jennifer LaBella Landscape Design, Western Financial Group and especially Cre8ive Art Supplies, who contribute a substantial portion of our rent and utility costs. Please support these businesses in appreciation.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Harms, Treasurer of ArtsJunktion mb. Inc.

Workshop Coordinator's Report

This has been a very busy year coordinating four full day workshops for teachers and six evening art workshops. The teacher workshops were made possible through a grant from Manitoba Education. Responsibilities included:

- Interviewing and hiring artists to conduct the workshops
- Working with artists to develop workshops that support quality art programming and incorporate sustainability
- Creating advertising for the workshops
- Registering workshop participants
- Communicating with workshop participants
- Maintaining contact with Anne MacDiarmid at Education Manitoba
- Maintaining contact with Divisional Art Consultants and MAAE – they help in advertising workshops
- Purchasing materials for the workshops
- Assisting at workshops
- Photographing workshops
- Preparing and collating evaluations for teacher workshops
- Writing reports
- Depot duty on Thursdays

There is one more teacher workshop to be held this year – **Puppetry** with Cathy Woods on May 11. There are two more evening workshops planned – **Mosaics** with Doug Wiebe and Laurie Green - a two part workshop on May 31 and June 7, and a still untitled workshop with Leah Fontaine on June 18.

Workshops for teachers:

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CREATING CLAY SCULPTURES (December 9, 2011), presented by renowned Winnipeg artist Jordan Van Sewell. Jordan is a very experienced presenter and is used to working with children and with teachers. He is also a loyal supporter of ArtsJunktion. He presented the teachers with practical ways of using clay with their classes and kept them amused and interested. Materials from ArtsJunktion shelves were used to create textures and to make impressions in the clay. The clay work produced was of a high quality.

STORIES COME TO LIFE (February 10, 2012), presented by artist and educator Cathy Woods. This workshop showed teachers how art can be a stimulus for writing. Participants learned how to create *digital dioramas* and how to use them to create story boards for writing. They also learned a simple printmaking technique which could produce images that would inspire students to write. Cathy is extremely good at incorporating the “treasures” from ArtsJunktion in her art lessons. The *digital dioramas* that were created were very creative and amusing.

ALTERED BOOKS (April 27, 2012), presented by local artist Allison Moore. There is a lot of interest in *altered books* at this time. Creating an *altered book* allows the artist to work with a variety of art techniques and media including painting, collage, printmaking, and sculpture to give new life to an old book. Allison presented and explained several techniques that could be used to turn a book into a work of art. Participants were enthusiastic about this workshop and produced a number of imaginative books. The atmosphere throughout the day was filled with positive energy.

Evening Workshops:

AN EVENING WITH JORDAN VAN SEWELL (December 8, 2011). In this workshop, Jordan showed participants some of the processes he uses to create his unique and amusing clay sculptures and then had people try out some of his techniques. We learned to make expressive *hands* the way Jordan does and learned some of his secrets for creating interesting textures, etc. It was a very successful evening.

MIXED MEDIA SCULPTURE (January 26, 2012), with local artist Rachel Schappert. In this workshop, Rachel guided participants through a hands-on process of finding re-usable materials to create sculptures. She discussed various techniques and explored ideas about colour, texture, and shape that are part of a creative investigation. The workshop opened up channels of inspiration and imagination while turning “junk” into beautiful works of art.

BRINGING LIFE TO FOUND OBJECTS (April 5, 2012). This workshop was conducted by Parminder Obhi, a Winnipeg artist who creates sculptures. Participants searched for treasures, and worked with Parminder to transform and “bring to life” their special finds. This was an evening to be creative, to play and to have fun.

CREATING ALTERED BOOKS (April 26, 2012). In this workshop, presented by local artist Allison Moore, participants had the opportunity to work with several techniques to give old books new life. Reactions from the participants were very positive and many books were transformed.

Still to come:

PUPPETRY (May 11, 2012). presented by Cathy Woods. Cathy recently attended a two week puppetry workshop in Banff and is eager to share what she learned. Participants will have the opportunity to build articulated rod puppets, working with simple materials suitable for using with students. ArtsJunktion’s shelves, filled with so many treasures, will be a source of materials and inspiration.

AN INTRODUCTION TO MOSAICS (May 31 and June 7, 2012), with local artists Doug Wiebe and Laurie Green. In this two evening workshop participants will be introduced to the process of creating a mosaic. The first evening will focus on essential techniques and creating a mosaic, the second, on learning to grout and complete the work. We have had many requests for a mosaic workshop.

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UNTITLED (June 18, 2012). Presenter–Leah Fontaine. This workshop will focus on the Medicine Wheel. Details for this workshop are not yet finalized.

This has been a very busy and productive year. All the workshops were well attended, many filled to capacity, and the written and verbal feedback was extremely positive. Having time to create in an environment filled with a variety of “treasures” and with an artist to provide motivation and inspiration was an amazing experience for the participants. The general consensus seems to be that these are valuable opportunities for the participants and they will keep on attending them if we keep providing them. Art workshops do seem to fit well with the other services that ArtsJunktion provides.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Doncaster, ArtsJunktion mb, Workshop Coordinator

Events Committee Report

ArtsJunktion Social Fundraiser

Our social fundraiser was held at the King’s Head Pub on Wednesday November 9th. It was very well attended and the auction prizes were a big success. Music was provided by the Bart Band. The auction prizes were created through the generosity of several donors. We would like to give thanks to the many local businesses that supported the social including: Balloon Bouquets Plus Flowers, Bern’s and Black Salon and Spa, Cake-ology, Closet Chick, Cre8ive Art Supplies and Services, Haberdashery, Hermano’s Restaurant and Wine Bar, Jazz Winnipeg, The King’s Head Pub, Mb Association of Art Educators, Manitoba Children’s Museum, Manitoba Theatre Centre, Mb Theatre for Young People, Modern Earth Web Design, Mondragon, Pollock’s Hardware Co-op, Plezia Insurance Brokers, Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art, Prairie Theatre Exchange, The Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Tulip Florist, Warehouse Art Gallery, White Star Diner, The Winnipeg Folk Festival, The Winnipeg Art Gallery and Winnipeg Fringe Festival. Thank you also to the board members for their time and dedication in the organization and running of the event. An extra big thank you to Les Wiens for generously donating a bike as our grand prize. Our social fundraiser continues to be a popular and successful way to collect the funds necessary to keep ArtsJunktion up and running.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Graham

Materials Committee Report

Statistics

June-December 2011 (7 months)

Materials in: 4303.55 cubic feet (average 614.8 cu ft per month)

Materials out: 5147.85 cubic feet (average 735.4 cu ft per month)

January-March 2012 (3 months)

Materials in: 3610 cubic feet (average 1203.3 cu ft)

Materials out: 3087.17 cubic feet (average 1029 cu ft)

Based on the first three months of 2012, an increased volume of materials is moving through ArtsJunktion, with intake keeping slightly ahead of outflow.

Committee Activities

- ▲ Regular meetings

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- ⤴ Completed spreadsheet of regular commercial and institutional sources of materials; in process of updating information and contacting these sources
- ⤴ Ongoing identification of new sources of materials
- ⤴ In consultation with depot manager, completed comprehensive guidelines listing materials we do and do not accept; posted on website and available in depot
- ⤴ Ongoing identification of 'oversupply' and undesirable materials

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Mathias

Membership Chair's Report

Our membership has been steadily growing this year, mostly from the website, workshops and walk in registration to the depot. Membership remains free for all to join! Our final #'s as of May 1 are: 1094 members up from 872 last year.

The focus of this year's membership drive was to cultivate online-registered group memberships through our donors, clients, professional associations and supporters. Proposed changes to the website have been submitted and are pending on ArtsJunktion's overall website redesign and revamping. A list of groups and associations to approach for group membership to ArtsJunktion has been compiled for use once the website is ready to accommodate this new form of group membership registration. It is anticipated that this will significantly increase ArtJunktion's membership numbers.

Respectfully Submitted by Alerry Lavitt

Publicity Report

This year brought many opportunities for ArtsJunktion mb to spread the word about its vision and the depot to Manitobans. Publicity highlights include:

- Rainbow Stage summer program
- Earth Day Celebrations
- The Annual Fundraiser
- The Annual Art Auction

As well as talking about what we do at ArtsJunktion mb, there continues to be promotional items available such as business cards and brochures. This year we had ArtsJunktion pins produced and they've been a favourite. In addition, we've become a bigger presence on Facebook, allowing for us to continue advertising ourselves, our events and our classes.

Respectfully submitted by Bela Luis

Art Gallery Curator's Report

It has been a successful year in the gallery at ArtsJunktion mb. The site has been developed. The walls have been painted and the hanging system has been fine tuned. Thank you to Gerhard Wiebe for his assistance in constructing the new hanging system.

Art displayed this year has included 2D and 3D art. Eight artists have had month-long shows in the gallery. Our first 'Opening' will take place on June first and all are welcome to attend. This will be an exciting event

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for a few reasons. It is the first show for an artist in our gallery, Jocelyn Rushworth the artist used recycled materials for her art in this show and the opening will occur on First Friday in the exchange. We hope to see more events exactly like this on future First Friday Evenings. Thanks to Les Weins and Dana Baxter for sponsoring the event.

Thank you for a great year and for the support from the board and, of course the wonderful local artists. If you know of an artist who would like to display their art free of charge please have them contact me at hstuart84@yahoo.ca.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Stuart

Physical Plant Report

There have been no major changes at ArtsJunktion this year, but general upkeep and reorganization have taken place. The loading ramp was redesigned so that it could be raised for easy access to the loading platform. The floor was painted this summer and repainted as we rearranged shelving units. The rearranging of shelves was triggered by the receipt of over 100 feet of excellent metal shelving. This resulted in a complete reorganization of the Workshop and Art Gallery area. The result is a more contained and less cluttered space. The Art Gallery wall was also painted and some big old grid frames were hung to provide a more versatile display area.

An exciting new project, that will drastically change our entrance, is in the works. The drawings are done and work has already begun on planning and layout. This new "Patio Garden" will feature five trees, some shrubs, vegetable and flower boxes, benches, bike racks and over 600 square feet of patio space. The trees will be planted on May 9 but plenty of help will be needed to finish all the other work.

Respectfully Submitted by Gerhard Wiebe

Depot Manager's Report

- Recruited and trained numerous new volunteers, around 10 – 12. They are very helpful, it has been great these past few months.
- Continue to work with DASCH and "Changes" Supported Living to arrange pickups/drop offs of recyclable and thrift shop materials
- Assisted board and various committees with Art Auction and Fundraising Social
- Coordinated Earth Day celebration event sponsored by Safeway and Starbucks, with performances by local musicians
- Continue to make sure Depot is stocked with things we need (printer cartridges, cleaning supplies, office supplies, tea and sugar, etc.)
- Worked with Green Team student, summer 2011
- Designed and Printed promotional materials as needed - we do have a general "This is ArtsJunktion"-type poster to post in the community, please ask if you would like one
- Worked with Publicity committee to keep depot stocked with pamphlets, business cards, and logo buttons
- Worked with Materials committee to start database of donors, and to finalize the "materials guideline"
- Volunteered on occasion, doing deliveries of large-scale items to people without vehicles
- Continue to build community contacts - networking with people from MAWA, Art City, ArtBeat, Goddess Festival, Folk Festival, Red River College, etc

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- Continue to work closely with Cre8ive staff and with Jordan Miller to ensure safety and cleanliness of the physical space (including shared space, driveway and dumpster)
- Collect and tally cash donations to be handed over to treasurer

Respectfully Submitted by Chloe La Bella

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